

HARRY DANIEL'S MINOR OBSERVATIONS

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THE ANTI-DIVORCE CRUSADE.

The great anti-divorce crusade which is now in full battle array in this country is destined, it is believed, to put a stop to the habit of the



And grab a hot pan by the handle and let go of it in a very extemporaneous and impromptu manner.

American people flocking into court with their family woes in such great numbers that they clog the wheels of justice and wear out everybody from the courthouse janitor to the most brainy and intellectual jurymen that ever slept at his post. The American divorce habit has grown alarmingly in recent years. A couple is married to-day, to-morrow the husband combs his wife's hair with a skillet while she pats him gently on the head with some choice article of bric-a-brac until he can see about 12 acres of the firmament and a slice of the northern lights, and the next day they are divorced amid the muffled sobs and splattered tears of their respective attorneys.

The great and primary cause of divorce is matrimony. If the requirements before matrimony were tightened up three or four notches here and there it would greatly reduce the divorce output. Just as long as it is possible for any 2x4 young man with soft, white hands and a breaking out of pin-feathers on his upper lip and with just enough fabulous and untold wealth to purchase a marriage license and an extra pair of suspenders, to get married at his own sweet will and move right in on his father-in-law without being arrested or kicked out at the side door, the divorce is going to spread.

Just as long as the tottering widower with a string of grandchildren and the inflammatory rheumatism can take a bride on his arm who was born about the time he first began to kalsomine his whiskers, and creep up the aisle with her without police interference, there are going to be more or less divorces occur from time to time.

The divorce problem is simply a side door exit from the matrimonial problem. One leads to the other. When you see a home that has had to suspend publication because every-day there was a grand sparring match with chairs, the real problem is not so much what should be done in that case as what should be done in the case of the next pair of candidates who yearn for matrimony and who seem, to the cold, calculating eye of a disinterested party, to be just as triumphantly matched as the others were. The great trouble is that the divorce is the last number on the programme when it ought to be first in many cases. If it were necessary for those who yearn for matrimony to go into court and give as many valid reasons why they should be allowed to marry as it is now necessary to give in order to get the knot united, there would be fewer American housewives to-day jerking their husbands around by one ear and fewer American husbands grabbing their wives by the foretop and romping from room to room with them. Marry in haste and repent with pleasure.

But there is, after all, nothing sadder than divorce. A couple who once were happy and believed in each other and played duets together on the piano while the gloaming was getting in its fine work and inhaled soup from the same spoon and called each other all the names they could lay their tongues to from sugar-plum to angel, stand amid the wreck of a ruined home like a runaway team that couldn't work double and has torn up the harness and kicked off the dashboard.

For a time they were perfectly happy, but it did not last long. One day, ere they were scarcely aware of it, they had quarreled and he had picked up one of her own hardshell tea biscuits and knock her down the cellar with it. Ah, what a blow that was! What a cruel, bitter blow to her pride, her love, her hopes, her home, her all, in fact, excepting her biscuit! With what an aching heart she picked up a boiled egg and threw it at her husband and hit a window in the opposite direction!

Yet, their home is a wreck to-day, but once they were so happy. Ah, how she used to toil for him and he for her, and then, when there was company, how each would accuse the other of working the harder until the guests got tired of listening to it and went out doors to help themselves to a little fresh air till the couple could get back to their right minds again.

How she used to slave in a sultry kitchen just for his sweet sake and grab a hot pan by the handle before she thought and then let go of it again in a very extemporaneous and impromptu manner. And how well she remembers her first baking; with what an exhilarating sense of joy and expectancy she worked away at it, and how she hummed a merry little tune to herself as she jerked the dough around and got it in her front hair, and on the kitchen furniture and the doorknob and the cat, and then, at last, with what a delirium of anticipation she opened up the oven door for the purpose of removing her own first ripe batch of bread only to find that it was in an alarming and dangerous condition and seemed to have been overcome by the heat or an attack of hopeless melancholy and did not look like it would be able to be out from under the doctor's care for some time.

Ah, yes, those were happy days. And then there came that first cruel quarrel when she hurriedly ran down cellar on the back of her neck, and then the second and the third and the fourth and the fifth, and each time the furniture got in a more shattered condition until after awhile there was hardly a chair in the house that seemed to have good health and was able to be out much. And yet there were lucid intervals when they would make up and forgive and go around and put poultices on the furniture and be happy.

But soon another storm would blow up from the west. And thus it went from bad to worse, from witchhazel to tincture of arnica, until at last it all ended in the divorce court, where each of them measured out careful earful of domestic woe and presented it to all who cared to partake. And so it goes. There is nothing any more deplorable than a divorce, and the anti-divorce crusade is right. And, yet instead of turning deaf ears to those who are yelling for somebody to come and help them let go of each other, why not strike a few sharp blows in favor of painless matrimony?

Harry Daniel

MISHAP TO AN AUTO

Brings Serious Disaster to the Men Who Are Aboard the "Extra-Hazardous."

BOTH OF THEM ARE THROWN OUT

One Suffers Paralysis of the Legs—Death of L. H. Salisbury—State News Items.

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 8.—W. S. Emery, of the New England Furniture company, of this city, and L. Mendells, buyer for a large Memphis, Tenn., furniture house, here attending the furniture exposition, met with a serious accident while out for an automobile ride. Going at a rapid gait on Jefferson avenue the machine struck a street car at Wealthy avenue crossing. Both men were hurled violently from their seats and the automobile was demolished. Emery sustained serious injury on the head and back. Mendells' legs were paralyzed from a spinal injury.

Went Down and Never Rose.

A son of Anthony Dierkes, tenor singer and mechanical draftsman at the Detroit waterworks pumping station, was drowned in the River Rouge at Dearborn. The boy's companions ran away. The lad, while bathing, went down and never came up. The body was found at 10 p. m. and is now at Marshall's undertaking rooms.

He Is Hanging on to Life.

Hartford, Mich., July 8.—Delve Brown, 65 years old, who was severely injured by pitching forward from his seat in his wagon pole, and then under the wheels, while driving down hill, is holding to life with a tenacity that puzzles the attending physicians. Both his legs and three of his ribs are broken, and his head is split open.

Poisoned by Contact with Sunae.

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 8.—Fred Clarke, Henry Hollister and Otis and William Monroe were seriously poisoned by sunae while clearing swamp land, purchased by the state for an addition to the Mill creek bass hatchery. Two other men were also affected, and Superintendent Lydellchasa hard time getting laborers.

Woman Saves a Boy.

Owosso, Mich., July 8.—Johnny Webb, aged 9 years, was saved from death by drowning by Mrs. Jerry King. She waded out in the river up to her chin to rescue the boy after he had sunk the third time, carried him to shore and revived him.

PASSING OF A WAR VETERAN

Lester H. Salisbury, Who Was Shot Through the Lung at Gettysburg, Goes to His Rest.

Adrian, Mich., July 8.—Lester H. Salisbury, aged 63, is dead. Colonel Salisbury enlisted in the Second Michigan Infantry and served through the civil war. At Gettysburg a bullet went through his lungs, and this wound, with others, were the indirect cause of his death.

He was one of the most prominent lawyers in southern Michigan, and a partner of that other successful attorney, John L. O'Malley, for more than thirty years. He was a self-sacrificing Democrat, and twice accepted nominations for congress when his party had no chance of winning, though declining the honor when success was assured. He was a delegate to the national convention when Bryan was first nominated. In every campaign he was in great demand because of his oratorical ability.

Surviving members of his family, besides the widow, are his brother, Levi O., of this city, and his sister, Mrs. John Allen, of Devil's Lake.

Lansing and Her Trolley Line.

Lansing, Mich., July 8.—President Hawks, of the Lansing Street railway, had a conference with the city officials and promised several things if the city would let the company alone. The council, however, adopted a resolution, declaring the street railway a public nuisance and authorizing the mayor to stop the cars. No action will be taken under this authority at once, but the city will move next Monday for the dissolution of the injunction restraining it from interfering with the operation of the line, or seek to obtain an immediate hearing on its bill to declare the franchise of the company forfeited.

Paper Mills to Shut Down.

Kalamazoo, Mich., July 8.—It is announced that all the paper mills in the west, beginning next Monday, would be shut down for a week. Nine mills in Kalamazoo will be affected. The reason given is that there is a surplus of stock, and that it is desired to give the men a chance for a short vacation, as there has been no shutdown of any sort in two years. It is believed, however, that some scheme for a readjustment of the price of paper is pending.

Three Attempts to Suicide.

Lansing, Mich., July 8.—Charles Elder, arrested Friday for drunkenness, made three attempts to hang himself in the jail, but each time his plan was frustrated by an officer. He has a mania for making such attempts.

Now Engaged in Mining.

Standish, Mich., July 8.—M. H. French, the former banker of West Branch, who failed for a large amount, is in Deadwood, S. D., engaged in mining and stock raising.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON II, THIRD QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JULY 12.

Text of the Lesson, I Sam. x. 17-27. Memory Verses, 21, 25—Golden Text, Isa. xxxiii. 22—Commentary Prepared by Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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It. And Samuel called the people together unto the Lord to Mizpah.

The people persisting in demanding a king that they might be like other nations, God selected the man and brought him to Samuel in a remarkable way, and Samuel, having entertained him and kept him over night, anointed him the next morning and sent him on his way. This lesson tells of the Lord's public election of him to be Israel's king. The story of how God led him to Samuel, as recorded in chapter ix, is one of the most interesting of all Bible stories. The weary, disappointed, hungry man going to the prophet to inquire about the lost asses and finding an unexpected welcome and feast and communion and rest for body and mind and then to be told that he was chosen to be a king—who ever heard of such surprises? And yet it is all a foreshadowing of the way by which every child of God is led in unexpected ways to share with Christ His glory.

18, 19. Ye have this day rejected your God, who Himself saved you out of all your adversities and your tribulations, and ye have said unto Him, Nay, but set a king over us.

They are reminded of all the Lord had done for them in the great deliverance from Egypt and in all His wondrous care of them and are told plainly that their present conduct is a deliberate rejection of Him notwithstanding all that He had done. It was only a short time before the events of our lesson that they were gathered at this same Mizpah entreating Samuel to cease not to cry unto the Lord for them that He would deliver them from the Philistines, and, being delivered, they set up the Ebenezer stone, saying, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us" (chapter vii, 8, 12).

20-22. When they sought him, he could not be found. Therefore they inquired of the Lord, for the man should yet come thither, and the Lord answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the stuff.

All Israel presented themselves before the Lord by their tribes, and the lot was cast for the tribe and for the family and for the man, with the result that Saul, the son of Kish, of the tribe of Benjamin, was chosen. But he could not be found. God knew the kind of man whom they would like, and He was going to give them a man after their own heart, and now He guided the lot to bring him before them, for "the lot is cast into the lap, but the whole disposing thereof is of the Lord" (Prov. xvi, 33). Saul knew through Samuel that God had selected him (x, 1), and, knowing this, it was a becoming thing not to put himself forward, but let all see that he had no hand in the election.

23, 24. And they ran and fetched him thence, and when he stood among the people he was higher than any of the people, from his shoulders and upward, and Samuel said to all the people, See ye him whom the Lord hath chosen.

In chapter ix, 2, we read that he was a choice young man and not a goodlier person in all Israel. Flesh and blood, and plenty of it, even of good quality, is not everything, else Goliath and other giants might be envied. Neither is outward appearance everything—that which people call presence—as Samuel afterward learned when he appointed a man after God's heart instead of one to please the people (chapter xvi, 6, 7). Contrast the youth and probable slight figure of David (xvii, 33); also that which is written of another Saul of the tribe of Benjamin (II Cor. x, 10). The people are pleased with their visible king, a choice man and one of noble appearance.

25. Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book and laid it up before the Lord, and Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

He would doubtless write Deut. xvii, 14-20, with perhaps additions. If the king would consider himself the Lord's representative and act for the Lord toward the people, in all things consulting Him, obeying and honoring Him, all might yet be well by the mercy of God; but if he, like the people, turns away from God, lives to please himself or the people and relies on human wisdom or strength all will be lost. The Lord alone must be exalted (Isa. ii, 11, 17).

26. And Saul also went home to Gibeah, and there went with him a band of men whose hearts God had touched.

God would help him by giving him helpers and friends. He does everything to make it easy for us to do right if we are only willing to serve Him in sincerity and truth. He is the same God who saw that it was not good for Adam to be alone (Gen. ii, 18), who also sent the disciples out by twos (Luke x, 1), and He always in due time provides helpers for such as are willing to dwell with Him for His work (I Chron. iv, 23; Isa. xli, 10).

27. But the children of Belial said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him and brought him no presents, but he held his peace.

When God works, the adversary also works, and if we are on the Lord's side, while we are sure to have friends, we will also have many to despise us. When such rise up against us, it is well to do as Saul did and act as though we were deaf. See the margin and also Ps. xxxviii, 13. When later the friends of Saul cried out for the lives of these enemies, He would not allow them to be harmed (chapter xi, 12, 13). It is very interesting to note all the good points in Saul, and they are many up to this time.

Is the Power Canal a Failure?

Detroit, July 7.—A story is in circulation to the effect that the new power canal at Sault Ste. Marie is an utter failure because of quicksands beneath the piles upon which the stone foundations are laid. It is said the entire structure may be torn down and rebuilt. The plant was completed five months ago, and a preliminary test was made, but it was brought to an abrupt end.

Stabbed to Death by Tramps.

Kalamazoo, Mich., July 7.—Michael Keyner, of Pittsburg, Pa., 38 years old, was found dead by railroad section men five miles south of Kalamazoo. He had been stabbed to death on a train by tramps. The body had been thrown into a pool of water beside the railroad tracks. There were deep knife wounds in the neck. Effects on the body indicate that Keyner had been a train man.

Cheap Gas for Grand Rapids.

Grand Rapids, Mich., July 7.—The directors of the Grand Rapids Gas Light company have decided to reduce the price of gas from \$1.20 a thousand to \$1.10, with a 20 per cent. discount for prompt payment. This gives a net rate of 90 cents a thousand. The rate will take effect Oct. 1.

Got a Life Sentence.

Detroit, July 7.—Thomas McGrath, who with another man was charged with the murder of Horton Warren, a hotel proprietor, was convicted and sentenced to Jackson prison for life. His accomplice in the crime was never apprehended.

Prof. Cooley Stays at Ann Arbor.

Ann Arbor, Mich., July 7.—Prof. M. E. Cooley, of the mechanical engineering department of the Michigan university, announces that he has declined the offer of the deanship of the like department of the Wisconsin university.

Father Stabs His Son.

Otsego, Mich., July 7.—Claude Carpenter was stabbed by his father, Albert Carpenter, in a drunken row. He will recover.

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